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FOR EUR/SOV AND COMMERCE/MARAD FOR MR. MARVIN PITKIN

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SUBJ: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: MARINE TRANSPORT

REF: A) STATE 204494; B) MOSCOW 13422; C) WARD-PITKIN TELECON 9/18

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1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM MR. MARVIN PITKIN OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, COMMERCE, THAT EMBOFF SEPT 18 MET WITH PALADICH, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF THE MARITIME FLEET AND BONDARENKO OF SOVIET WORKING GROUP, TO DISCUSS PLANNING FOR FORTHCOMING VISIT OF US MARINE TRANSPORT DELEGATION TO THE USSR SEPTEMBER 27.

2. PITKIN-DUBCHAK LETTER CONTAINING COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION (REF D) WAS HANDED TO PALADICH AND EMBOFF EXPRESSED PITKIN'S REGRET THAT HE WOULD NOT PERSONALLY BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE VISIT BUT LOOKED FORWARD TO REVIEWING VISIT AND ESTABLISHING AGREED PROGRAM WITH DUBCHAK OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE AT NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

3. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED MINISTRY OF THE MARITIME FLEET ON URGENT BASIS TO SEND CABLE TO SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO THE US
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DELEGATION. PALADICH SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE.

PALADICH ALSO SAID THAT DUBCHAK-PITKIN LETTER OF AUGUST 30 (WHICH WAS POUCHED TO EUR/SOV SEPTEMBER 4) COULD ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY AS OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR VISIT WHEN GROUP APPLIES FOR VISAS. PLEASE ADVISE IF VISAS NOT ISSUED SOON AND WE WILL WEIGH IN AGAIN HERE.

4. PROGRAM FOR VISIT WILL BE THAT TRANSMITTED IN REF B.

5. GROUP SHOULD OBTAIN OPEN AIR TICKETS COVERING TRAVEL: MOSCOW-ODESSA-LENINGRAD-MOSCOW. LENINGRAD-MOSCOW LEG MAY POSSIBLY BE BY TRAIN, BUT GROUP SHOULD HAVE AIR TICKETS COVERING THIS PORTION IN CASE PLANS CHANGE.

6. SOVIETS WILL MEET GROUP UPON ARRIVAL. DR. TECH OR MR. WARD FROM EMBASSY WILL ALSO MEET AND ASSIST.

7. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DUBCHAK THAT PITKIN LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER. DUBCHAK REGRETS PITKIN NOT COMING TO USSR BUT ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO NOVEMBER MEETING.
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